Work on the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

721. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state the stage of implementation at which the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project rests now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): With a view to availing external assistance in the implementation of the Bakreshwar thermal power project, a proposal to execute the project in the Central Sector is presently under consideration in consultation with the Government of West Bengal. The State authorities have been advised to start work on infra-structure development.

Recommendations of Kelkar Committee

722. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2965 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sales turn over for exclusion or inclusion of a drug from category II was one of the main criteria spelt out by Kelkar Committee in its report;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kelkar Committee was not provided any sales turn over of any drug; and

(c) if so, how the Committee excluded or included any drug on the basis of this criterion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Kelkar Committee took into account the sales turn over while adopting this criteria for exclusion or inclusion of a drug.

Purchase of crude oil

723. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of crude oil proposed to be purchased during the next year and what was the quantity so far purchased during current year;

(b) what is the trend in prices in the international spot market; and

(c) how much crude oil USSR has supplied during the current year and how much has been asked for during the next year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The Import Plan for 1988-89 has not yet been finalised. During the current year a total quantity of 13.45 million tonnes has been imported in the period April-December, 1987.

(b) Presently the trend in prices in the International Market is slightly uncertain.

(c) A quantity of about 4.3 million tonnes was imported from USSR during 1987. It is proposed to import 4 million tonnes of crude oil during 1988.

Ban on overtime in public sector undertakings

724. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a ban on overtime in the public sector undertakings?